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COVID-stamped people banned inside malls, hotels, temples

Public, Resident Associations appealed to call Police at '100' if they see hand-stamped people around

Bengaluru / Mysuru, June 4 (RK,DM&BCT)- As shopping malls, hotels, temples and religious institutions are all set to open for public on June 8, Karnataka Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar has directed all the shops, offices, malls, commercial establishments and even temples and other places of worship like mosques and churches not to allow COVID-stamped people to enter their premises before the completion of the prescribed quarantine time.

Vijay Bhaskar, in an order this morning said, "All business establishments, temples and religious places should not allow those with quarantine stamp (on the back of their palm) to enter before the end of their quarantine period or till they get current COVID-negative test report. In the event of a violation, Bhaskar said the Police should be informed at 100."

He also issued the order to all malls, religious places, hotels and others to first check for quarantine stamp on all their customers or visitors before they enter the premises. He further sought assistance from the general public, Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs) and commercial establishments in regulating the movement of people who have arrived from other States and are under home quarantine.

The general public, hotel managers, staff, temple security and RWAs must call the Police if anyone with a quarantine stamp enters their premises.

Hotels brace for opening

Meanwhile, most hotels and restaurants in Mysuru are bracing up for a restart of business to a new normal after a gap of nearly three months. Hoteliers are awaiting guidelines from the State Government, which in turn is awaiting directions from the Union Government on the regulations to be put in place.

While a majority of hoteliers are preparing to restart on June 8, about 20 percent of them have resorted to wait and watch policy as they need some more time to study the guidelines. These hoteliers are also awaiting the return of their employees who went back to their native places after the lockdown.

Brisk cleaning

Hotels have begun cleaning and sanitising their premises. Utensils, linen and other crockeries are being sterilised and cleaned along with fridges, ovens, cleaning machines and all other food-preparation equipment. The hotel staff are also being trained on handling customers and maintenance of regulations.

Checking of electrical connections and minor civil and general works are being undertaken in most of the hotels. Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda told *Star of Mysore* that a meeting of Association members has been convened at the Association premises in Krishnamurthypuram at 11 am on June 5 to discuss the implementation of the anticipated Government guidelines.

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Ten personalities to be honoured every year in memory of Nalwadi

District Minister S.T. Somashekar offers floral tributes to the statue of Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle

Mysuru, June 4 (RKB&BNR)- "The contribution of Rajarshi Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to Mysuru and the State is immense. It is the Government's duty to honour the Wadiyar. In this direction, every year, the District Administration will choose 10 personalities who have served in various fields and honour them in the name of Nalwadi," announced Co-operation and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar this morning.

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar

Speaking to media on the sidelines of Nalwadi Jayanti celebrations, the Minister said that due to COVID outbreak, the selection process was not complete and the same will be completed in a week or two.

Order awaited to re-open Zoo

A letter has been written to the Chief Minister in connection with the reopening of Mysuru Zoo which remains closed due to lockdown, the Minister said and added that in another couple of days, order will be issued.

No need to panic about COVID: "COVID-19 is under control in the district. But, the positive cases are emerging from those who have come from other States including those from Mumbai. Steps are taken for their treatment. Everyone is under quarantine and so, no need to panic," he said.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Campaign to plant one lakh saplings

District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev and others seen at Hasiru Mysuru Farm.

- Hasiru Mysuru Farm to distribute 15,000 saplings
- Free saplings to those who nurture it for 3 years: H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru, June 4 (MTY&KS)- As part of the campaign to plant one lakh saplings, it has been decided to distribute 15,000 saplings from Hasiru Mysuru Farm, said District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev.

Addressing a press meet at Hasiru Farm premises here on Wednesday, Rajeev said that in a bid to make Mysuru a 'Green City,' a meeting with environmentalists, naturalists, nature lovers and heads of various organisations chaired by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji was held recently and following their suggestions the campaign to plant one lakh saplings was decided. Thousands of saplings were distributed last year and this year 15,000 saplings would be distributed, he added.

Continuing, Rajeev said that it was the responsibility of everyone to give a clean environment to future generations for which every individual should take the responsibility of conserving and protecting nature and added that a lot of trees were being felled in recent days for various reasons which may lead to imbalance of environment. Hence, with the co-operation of various organisations, planting and nurturing of one lakh saplings would be taken up in phases. To publicise the campaign, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has joined hands with Hasiru Mysuru Farm, Rajeev said.

Sri Dharmasthala Rural Development Institute and Patanjali organisations would help those who have taken the responsibility of nurturing saplings for three years, he said and added that he had grown thousands of saplings in Hasiru Mysuru Farm on Nanjangud Road by spending money from his pocket. The saplings would be distributed to various organisations and Government Departments to plant and nurture them.

Saplings would be given free to anyone who takes up the responsibility of planting and nurturing the sapling for three years, Rajeev said and added that a few educational institutions and Government Departments were ready to receive the saplings to be planted in their premises to celebrate Vanamahotsava. In the backdrop of World Environment Day celebration on June 5, saplings would be distributed from today.

Rajeev said that Ex-Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa had planted and nurtured more than 5,000 saplings across J.P. Nagar which has resulted in clean and good environment. This year saplings of 15 species including jackfruit, banyan, neem, honge and peepal have been grown. Former Mayor Bhyrappa, APMC and MUDA have requested for 1,000 saplings each and the distribution process has begun, he said.

Twist to 50 live .303 bullets missing case

- T. Narasipur Police Station Head Constable stages suicide drama
- Leaves his bike, clothes on river bank, flees to Hunsur to hide in haystack

Mysuru, June 4 (Kumar & BCT)- Chasing criminals and witnessing their hoodwinking acts to escape the long arms of law makes some Police-men to follow their footsteps. This exactly happened in the case where 50 live .303 bullets were stolen from T. Narasipur Police Station recently and where Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) had ordered a thorough investigation to nail the culprits within the Police Department.

Krishnegowda

Apart from ordering a probe under the leadership of Additional SP P.V. Sneha, SP C.B. Ryshyanth had also suspended the T. Narasipur Police Station writer (Head Constable) Krishnegowda till the probe is completed.

A Police Station writer is responsible for arms and ammunition in a Police Station and the Inspector will have the overall responsibility. As the Head Constable sits inside the Station, he will have knowledge about the assets, especially the sensitive ones that are placed inside Station vaults.

After the live bullets were found missing, Nanjangud Sub-division Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde lodged a Police complaint (FIR 149/2020) last Sunday at the same Police Station under IPC Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) and Section 380 (theft).

Soon after his suspension, Krishnegowda, like any other criminal, tried to avoid the law and created a suicide drama. As a person who has innate knowledge about how the Police system works and knowing fully that he will be caught one day or the other, Krishnegowda yesterday took his bike to Mannehundi village where a river flows and removed his clothes on the river banks.

His intention was to create an impression that he has committed suicide fearing the law. He also had left his bike on the river banks. Krishnegowda cleverly fled from the spot, reached Hunsur and hid among hay stacks. He then contacted his relatives to get him a car so that he can flee from Hunsur too.

Alert villagers near Hunsur who were, however, suspicious about Krishnegowda's behaviour and mannerisms, tipped off the Police. Very soon, Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde got information about the Head Constable's hideout and he took a team comprising Circle Inspector M.R. Lava. The team managed to secure Krishnegowda from the haystack.

He was later brought to the SP Office in Mysuru where he is being questioned about the whereabouts of the 50 live bullets and how it went missing from the Station and where they have been kept now.

SP Ryshyanth told *Star of Mysore* that Krishnegowda had been suspended under the grounds of negligence and he is being interrogated. On the high drama he created to give an impression that he has committed suicide, the SP said it was not a serious issue.

Ten TN labourers who entered Chamarajanagar without permission sent to quarantine

Chamarajanagar, June 4 (SS &KS)- Ten labourers, who had entered Chamarajanagar from Tamil Nadu (TN) without permission, have been put under quarantine.

They were working at a granite factory near Badanaguppe village in the taluk and have been quarantined at a hostel from Tuesday night. These labourers had entered Chamarajanagar by hoodwinking the officials and without obtaining permission from the district administration.

The residents and workers at the granite factory, who came to know about the entry of labourers informed the matter to the officials of the Health Department, who rushed to the granite factory and conducted an inspection. The officials took the 10 labourers in a vehicle to a hostel where they have been put under quarantine.

These labourers had applied for permission in the Seva Sindhu portal and the district administration had denied permission, but still, they came from Tamil Nadu, it is said.

Two Labour Inspectors suspended

Mysuru, June 4 (SPN&DM)- Cracking the whip on Government servants who display official apathy, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar on Wednesday suspended two Labour Inspectors of the city on charges of dereliction of duty.

Senior Labour Inspectors R. Ravi (Circle No.1) and Nikhil Chandra (Circle No.2) are the ones who are suspended.

The two, who were appointed as Nodal Officers to oversee the measures to be taken for addressing the grievances of sheltered migrant workers in city, are accused of failing to discharge their duties.

Taking note of the negligence of Ravi and Nikhil, the Deputy Commissioner ordered suspension of the two, as per the provisions under Sections 51(B) and 55(2) of National Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Surveyor trapped while accepting bribe

Mysuru, June 4 (YDS&DM)- A Land Surveyor of the taluk was trapped by ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau) Police when he was accepting bribe from a person at his office yesterday.

Harish

Surveyor Harish, serving at Mysuru Taluk Office, had demanded a bribe of Rs.5,000 for issuing 11(A) land map to one Siddaraju of Talur in Jayapura Hobli, following which Siddaraju paid him Rs.500 as advance. But as Harish insisted on payment of the remaining bribe of Rs.4,500 to issue the land map, Siddaraju filed a complaint with the ACB.

Harish was accepting Rs. 4,500 at his office in Nazarbad yesterday afternoon when he was caught red-handed by ACB sleuths He was later arrested.

The raid was carried out by ACB SP Rashmi, Inspector Niranjan and other staff.

VOICE OF THE READER

Power billing is correct: Unfair to blame CESC

Sir,

This refers to the letter titled **"Power billing: Yes, CESC is cheating gullible public"** (*SOM* dated June 1, 2020).

I also felt initially that my bill of Rs.4,267.59 for two months was very high. Last month, an ad-hoc bill for Rs. 1,233 was raised, maybe based on previous average consumption, since meter reading was not possible in April, which I had paid.

The consumption for two months was 561 units, based on present reading minus previous reading for the two months. When I checked the calculations, I found that the software used for billing is correct up to a single day. The calculation of fixed charges was taken into account for 61 days and the energy charges, billed slab-wise, is also taking into account 61 days of usage.

During both the months, we were all indoors and being summer months, the usage of fans and AC was high. You cannot blame CESC for this. As long as the readings taken are correct, the billing done by the software is correct up-to a rupee. It is unfair to blame CESC, which has no role in calculating the bill.

— Sukumar Rangachari
on e-mail
Mysuru
2.6.2020

'Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Award'

Presentation Ceremony on June 5

Dr. Shashishekar Dixit *Dr. Srikantaswamy Dixit* *Dr. Meera Kumar* *Dr. K. Leela Prakash*

Dr. Vishwanath Shetty *Yoganarasimhan* *Vikram Iyengar*

Mysuru, June 4- Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Foundation will be celebrating Sri Vasudeva Maharaj's 82nd Jayanti and honouring achievers from various fields with 'Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Award' at a programme to be held at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city tomorrow (June 5) at 10.30 am.

The awardees are Dr. Shashishekar Dixit (Religious), Dr. V. Srikantaswamy Dixit (Spiritual), Dr. Meera Kumar (Literature), Dr. P.R. Vishwanath Shetty (Yoga), K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Social Work) and Vikram Iyengar (Organiser).

Senior social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee, Industrialist M.N. Doreswamy, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Foundation President M.V. Anitha will take part in the programme, according to a press release from Foundation Convenor N. Anant Dixit.

Dr. G. C. Prakash is new Mysuru Regional Commissioner

Mysuru, June 4- In a sudden move, the State Government on Wednesday appointed senior IAS Officer **Dr. G. C. Prakash** as the new Regional Commissioner (RC) of Mysuru Revenue Division. He will also function as the Special Officer monitoring COVID-19 tackling measures in all the eight districts of Mysuru Division — Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikkamagalur.

Dr. Prakash was earlier serving as BDA (Bangalore Development Authority) Commissioner in Bengaluru. He replaces N. Jayaram, who was earlier posted as the In-charge Mysuru RC.

DLSA to celebrate

Environment Day tomorrow

Mysuru, June 4- District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) will be celebrating World Environment Day by planting saplings in the premises of Malalavadi Court at 9.30 am tomorrow (June 5). DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane said that the programme will be inaugurated by Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramachandra D. Huddara.

'Trin Trin' services resume

52 docking stations to provide 450 bicycles including 30 gear cycles

Mysuru, June 4 (PM&BNR)- 'Trin Trin,' the Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) system, is completing three years today (June 4). The services were withdrawn for the past two-and-a-half-years due to lockdown and has resumed from June 1.

Following the Central Government's order for lockdown relaxation, the District Administration has given nod to resume the Trin Trin services with 450 bicycles including 30 gear bicycles at 52 docking stations.

Though the services resumed from Monday last with DC Abhiram G. Sankar's permission, it will take some time to be used to the fullest by the public.

'Trin Trin' was launched on June 4, 2017 by the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. Prior to lockdown, every day 1,200 people were utilising the service with more than 40% students depending on this service. Also, tourists were attracted towards this PBS system.

The system was established by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in association with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT). City-based 'Green Wheel Ride' has got the tender of managing the PBS system. Riders can take bicycle from any docking station and park the bicycle in any nearest docking station.

Interested can register at RTO West, Railway Station, City Bus Stand, Suburban Bus Stand, Mysuru Zoo and Mysore Palace.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Manager of Green Wheel Ride, which operates PBS, Asha Kerakatti said: "Trin Trin services, which were stopped following lockdown, has resumed from June 1. Due to lockdown there will be no celebration of completing three years on June 4. In Mysuru, there are 14,000 members registered under this system. There are six specially designed vehicles to transport the bicyles to docking stations; out of them, five vehicles have been damaged due to recent rains and wind. Due to lockdown, they could not be repaired. Now, the repairing work has been taken up. With the remaining one vehicle, we have hired some other vehicles to resume the services. It will require at least a week for the services to spring back to normalcy."

Blood donation by Mysuru Excise Department

Mysuru, June 4- In view of COVID-19 crisis, patients of Mysuru who are suffering from other diseases require blood and its component for which donors were scarce and voluntary blood donation camps could not be arranged in this period. Responding to this, the Mysuru Excise Department came forward to donate blood for the needy patients.

This noble initiative was led by K.S. Murali, Excise DC, Mysuru. Around 35 donors from Excise Department, Carlsberg Breweries and Jade Garden Hotel donated blood. The blood donation was organised in Jade Garden Hotel with all the necessary precautions.

Dr. B.S. Manjunath and team from K.R. Hospital Blood Bank collected the blood and the same will be used for patients in K.R. Hospital.

During this event, Excise JC B. Madesh, Jade Garden Hotel MD and Executive Member of Young Indians Bharath Devarajappa, Excise Union President P. Raghavendra, H.G. Mohan, Excise Officers and staff, along with employees of Carlsberg Breweries and Jade Garden Hotel were present.

The donors received appreciation certificate from K.R. Hospital Blood Bank.

COVID Curfew extended till June 30 in city from 9 pm to 5 am

Mysuru, June 4- In accordance with the directive of the Union and State Governments to stop the spread of the deadly Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, as a precautionary measure, has extended the curfew across the city till June 30.

The curfew imposed as per Section 144 of Cr.PC will be in effect from 9 pm till 5 am on all the days and accordingly movement of public and all type of vehicles, barring those associated with essential services, has been banned in this period. Public gatherings of more than five persons at any spot is prohibited till June 30.

Also, commercial establishments will have to follow lockdown guidelines such as social distancing and prevent gathering of more than five persons at a time, among their customers. Unnecessary public movement is strictly prohibited between 9 pm and 5 am. The public are required to mandatorily wear face masks and all business and commercial establishments have to shut down by 9 pm. It is mandatory to maintain cleanliness and hygiene at work places. Legal action will be initiated against those found violating curfew norms, according to a press release issued by the Office of the Police Commissioner.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Lion King of Sri Lanka

Once upon a time, there was a Princess of Kalinga, who was abducted by a lion who forced her to bear him a child. The child, Sinhabahu, killed his own father and, for this crime, was told to leave the country on a ship. He travelled to a special island in the South known as the Island of Gems. There, he met a yakshini and together, they had children.

But, to become a king, he needed an Aryan wife and thus, he married a Princess from the Pandyan lands. This angered the yakshini, who returned to her people, but her people rejected and killed her. In some versions, she turned against her husband, forcing him to escape on a special flying horse. After which, she went to his country and ravaged it, until she was finally overpowered by the lion king.

The story of the lion king is part of Sri Lankan origin stories. It comes from the Mahavamsa, which was written 1,500 years ago, in 5th century AD, after the Gupta empire had waned in India. It is loosely based on a Jataka tale. The Jataka tale is called the Vallahasa Jataka. It speaks of how, in his previous life, Buddha took the form of the horse (the Bodhisatva) that helped the lion king escape. The king later returned to defeat his yakshini wife.

The Mahavamsa states that Buddha, in his lifetime, had travelled to the island of Sri Lanka, where he had defeated yakshas and nagas. Later, King Ashoka's son and daughter, Mahendra and Sanghamitra, went to Sri Lanka with a sapling of the Bodhi Tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment. This Bodhi Tree is still found in Lanka. There is Buddha's footprint found on Adam's peak. According to Muslims, this footprint belongs to Adam.

Later, the kingdom of Sri Lanka was ruled by Prince Vijay, who, in some versions, was the son of Sinhabahu, and in some version, his grandson. The story connects Sri Lanka to Kalinga, which is on the eastern coast, as well as to Sauparika, which is on the western coast, near Mumbai (Nala Sopara today) and to the Pandyan kings of the South. These are indications of India's ties with Sri Lanka.

Even today, Sri Lanka's national flag is the lion, although the lion is not native to Sri Lanka. This speaks of the influence of kingdoms, like Bengal, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, where the lion was very sacred. Even today, on the eastern coast, in Andhra Pradesh, there are temples associated with Narasimha. Narasimha is an avatar of Vishnu: the man-lion who kills Hiranakashyapu, the demon father of his devotee, Prahalada. Thus, the theme of a half-man-half-lion killing a father travels in a very different way, via the Mahavamsa, to Sri Lanka. It then establishes itself in the origin myth of that land. Whether this story is true or not, it retains the memory of an ancient connection with ancient India.

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Mysore University conducts exams for Chinese students

Mysuru, June 4- Following the Chinese Embassy's decision to evacuate Chinese students from India, the University of Mysore (UoM) is conducting exams for Chinese students who are pursuing higher education in the University.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the Chinese Embassy in India had appealed to complete the exams as early as possible, as it has decided to send the students back to China.

Pointing out that more than 70 Chinese students who had studied M.Sc (Information Technology) course are appearing for the exam that started from June 1, he said that the University has about 120 Chinese students. But some of them have left the country before the outbreak of COVID-19 and the exam will be conducted online for those students, he added.

Continuing, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that the Embassy had requested to complete the exams before June 8. But the Varsity, which is conducting the exam in two sessions daily (9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm) will conclude the exams on June 6 itself, he said and added that the Chinese Embassy will be making special arrangements to ferry the students back to China.

He further said that the exam is being conducted by maintaining COVID-19 regulations such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and use of hand sanitisers.

MLC appeals Minister to provide facilities for PU evaluators

Mysuru, June 4 (PM&DM)- MLC Marithibbegowda has appealed Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar to provide adequate facilities for II PUC Lecturers from other districts who have been assigned answer paper evaluation work at Bengaluru.

In a letter to the Minister, Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency in the Legislative Council, urged the Government to compulsorily provide boarding and lodging facilities for Science stream evaluators at Bengaluru, where evaluation is set to begin from June 5. Stressing on the need for ensuring the health and safety of evaluators in the wake of COVID-19, he said that the Government must not exert pressure on those lecturers who cannot attend evaluation work for justifiable reasons.

Maintaining that he has discussed the issue with the PU Education Department Director, during which the Director had apprised him on the compulsions to conduct evaluation at Bengaluru, the MLC wanted the Government to take all precautions to ensure good health of the evaluators.

COVID: Checking continues at check posts on Highways

Hawk eye vigil on inter-State vehicles

Mysuru, June 4 (RK&KS)- In a bid to control the spread of COVID-19, checking of vehicles and screening of travels at check posts on all Highways and important roads connecting the district, continues.

From the day the lockdown rules relaxation was announced, the Police have continued with the checking and are now keeping a hawk eye vigil on vehicles with other States' registration number plates.

The Police are conducting thermal screening of passengers besides collecting information such as from which place they are travelling, their destination, reason for travelling, returning date, mobile phone and Aadhaar card numbers.

In case the passenger's body temperature is high or has come from other States, a confirmation would be made in this regard and such passenger or traveller will be put under Facility Quarantine.

The staff of the Health, Revenue and Police Departments, who are working in COVID-19 check posts are working for 24 hours in three shifts and all basic facilities have been provided at the spot of work on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, KRS Road, Hunsur Road, H.D. Kote Road, Nanjangud Road, T. Narasipur Road, Bannur Road and Mahadevapura Road. Jurisdictional Police have been deployed at the check posts.

Village on Mysuru-Nagarahole road sealed following COVID positive case

More people have come from Kerala and Tamil Nadu to Mysuru than Mumbai: DC

Hanagodu/Mysuru, June 4 (Mahesh&BCT)- The Maharashtra or the feared Mumbai link of COVID-19 positive cases has spread its tentacles into rural areas and as an evidence of this, late last evening, one woman who had come from Mumbai to Hanagodu village tested positive. The village located on the main road leading to Nagarahole National Park has been sealed by Mysuru Health Department and the Police this morning.

However, there is no official confirmation by the Mysuru District Administration about the positive case as of now but photos and reports from Hanagodu confirm about the COVID positive case.

Hanagodu is a remote village near Hunsur and is located on the fringes of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Yesterday, a woman from Penchahalli near Hanagodu was tested positive. She had come from Mumbai along with her husband and son. The family lived in Mumbai and the woman's husband was a taxi driver attached to a travels company.

Family stayed in Mumbai

According to Health Department sources, the family arrived in Mysuru five days back and it is not clear about their mode of transport from Mumbai as of now. Soon after their arrival in Mysuru, they were put in institutional quarantine and as the woman was pregnant, she and her son were sent to Penchahalli three days back as according to the rules stipulated by the State Government, pregnant women, children and the elderly are exempted from institutional quarantine.

The woman's husband remained in institutional quarantine. The health authorities had taken their swab tests on arrival and yesterday, the woman tested positive. A team of health officials and the Police led by Hunsur Tahsildar came to Penchahalli last night and shifted the pregnant woman and her son to the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road.

Road sealed

This morning, the Penchahalli Road has been sealed and health officers are making the rounds of the village to ascertain primary and secondary contacts. Villagers are being informed about the positive case and the contacts are being traced. Though there is tense atmosphere in the village as the woman had visited a milk booth and a couple of shops, villagers are being told by the Police and other authorities not to panic. They said that if the primary contacts are traced, they will be quarantined.

Not many Mumbai-returnees

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that till yesterday in Mysuru there were 8 cases and two of the earlier tested positive cases have been discharged. On people arriving from other States, especially Maharashtra, he said that there are less arrivals from Mumbai to Mysuru when compared to returnees from Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

"There are not many Mumbai-returnees in Mysuru as is being speculated for the rising number of positive cases. Over 400 persons had registered to return to Mysuru from Mumbai through the Seva Sindhu App. But only 200 have come so far. Compared to them, the number of people who have come from other districts are 2,000 and among them returnees from Tamil Nadu and Kerala are high," he said.

400 samples a day

On the testing front, the DC said, 400 cases (swab samples) are tested daily and not many reports are expected from the lab. As other districts at present have their own testing labs, the pressure on Mysuru COVID lab (Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory) in K.R. Hospital premises is much less now.

"Yesterday through a video conference, we have asked all private hospitals and taluk centres to send fever and influenza-like illness (ILI) patients to either COVID labs or fever clinics for sample collection and testing. Testing in Government facilities is free," he said.

Three-week quarantine must for Maharashtra returnees

Institutional quarantine reason for infection spreading faster, opine health experts

Bengaluru, June 4 (UNI)- The State Government has increased the quarantine time for people returning from Maharashtra from a fortnight to three weeks. "Returnees from Maharashtra will be sent to institutional quarantine for seven days, followed by 14 days strict home quarantine, (for a) total (of) 21 days," tweeted Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey.

The 21-day quarantine is for all asymptomatic people returning from Maharashtra, considering most of the COVID-19 cases reported in Karnataka are having domestic travel history to that State. This comes after Karnataka saw fresh cases of Coronavirus after their quarantine period was finished. If any of the asymptomatic people develop symptoms during the isolation, they will be subjected to a COVID-19 test.

However, some asymptomatic individuals from Maharashtra have been provided exceptions from the three-week quarantine and designated as special category passengers.

Special category passengers include people who suffered a death in the family, pregnant women, children below 10, elderly people above 60, individuals suffering from serious illness and human distress.

Business travel

Similarly, the Department has made provisions for business travellers from Maharashtra.

"To establish that one is a business visitor, (the) person should show confirmed return flight or train ticket which should not be more than seven days late from the date of arrival," ordered Karnataka Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar.

Similarly, if a business visitor is arriving by road, he should provide address proof of the person in Karnataka he intends to meet. Additionally, such a person should also produce a COVID-negative test certificate which is not more than two days old.

"(If) one does not have a COVID-negative test certificate, such a person should go for institutional quarantine for two days within which (the) test should be conducted at his own cost. After the test result is negative, that person is exempted from quarantine," he said.

Health experts say no to institutional quarantine

Meanwhile, health experts in COVID-19 Advisory Committee are against institutional quarantine saying it leads to possibility of healthy individuals contracting the virus. The fact that more than 40 per cent of patients in Karnataka are those from quarantine centres is enough, they said.

The Govt. will issue an order giving powers to respective districts to determine the duration of institutional quarantine, depending on the influx of travellers. For example, Hassan insists on 14 days' institutional quarantine for Maharashtra returnees, whereas according to the State guidelines, it is seven days.

Dr. Giridhar Babu, a member of the COVID-19 Expert Committee, said, "We should limit institutional quarantine facilities to only those who don't have homes. We should go for home quarantine to everyone who can afford it. I have said in every meeting that institutional quarantine is the reason for the infection spreading faster. The healthy are getting infected from a few in quarantine", he added.

Obituary

Nanda Nanaiah

Mysuru, June 4-Veteran Havildar Paravanda S. Nanda Nanaiah (55), a native of Kopatti in Kodagu and a resident of Raghavendranagar, Mysuru, passed away today morning at 4.30 am due to cardiac arrest.

After his combatant service in the Indian Army, he was re-employed as Police Constable and posted at Nazarbad Police Station in city.

He leaves behind his wife Yeshodha, a teacher in Government Primary School, Yeraganahalli, sons Archan and Darrin, mother and a large number of relatives and friends. Cremation took place this afternoon at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Science lecturers to boycott evaluation work at Bengaluru

Evaluation of Arts and Commerce answer papers to continue in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 4 (RK&DM)- Citing lack of boarding and lodging facilities for lecturers from other districts at the State capital Bengaluru, where evaluation of Science stream papers will commence from tomorrow (June 5), Science lecturers have decided to boycott evaluation work.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Karnataka State PU College Lecturers Association, Mysuru District President Yogananda said that most Science lecturers from outside districts, who attended answer paper Coding and Decoding work yesterday and today (June 3 and 4) are facing a lot of hardship at Bengaluru as there is no adequate boarding, lodging and transport facilities due to COVID-19 lockdown. But still the Government is pressurising them to attend work, which is unfair and as such most of the Science lecturers from outside Bengaluru district have decided to boycott evaluation work unless proper arrangements are made for their stay during the evaluation period, especially at a time when their health and safety are at risk due to outbreak of Coronavirus, he said.

Urging the Government to conduct Science stream subjects answer paper evaluation at the Divisional-level considering the health and safety of Lecturers, as has been done in the case of Arts and Commerce streams, Yogananda, however clarified that the ongoing Mysuru Divisional evaluation of Arts and Commerce stream papers will continue in the city without any interruption.

City celebrates Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's Jayanti

District Minister S.T. Somashekar offering floral tributes to the statue of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle this morning in the presence of MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda, Mayor Tasneem, Dy. Mayor C. Sridhar, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others. Picture right shows Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya and others offering floral tribute at the Palace premises.

Mysuru, June 4 (RKB&BNR)- The District Administration, in association with the Kannada and Culture Department, had organised Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's 136th Jayanti celebrations at K.R. Circle this morning.

Co-operation and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar offered floral tributes to the statue of Nalwadi at the Circle in the presence of MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda, Mayor Tasneem, Dy. Mayor C. Sridhar, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others.

The Minister later took part in the Jayanti celebrations organised by Ursu Mandali Sangha at the Sangha premises on Tyagaraja Road. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Wadiyar had sold ornaments to build KRS Dam and today he is the reason for employment of lakhs of people be it farming, bank or University. People of all category have got employment.

Urs Mandali Sangha and Palace Board

On the occasion, Urs Mandali Sangha submitted a memorandum to the District Minister to form Urs Welfare Board. Urs Community members should get posts in Boards and Corporations.

Responding to this, the Minister assured that all their demands would be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, Corporator B.V. Manjunath Sangha President S. Lingaraje Urs, Vice-President N.B. Sharathraje Urs, Malleraje Urs and others were present.

Mysore Palace Board too celebrated Nalwadi's Jayanti by offering floral tributes to a portrait of Wadiyar at the Palace premises.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya and others were present.

Celebrated film-maker Basu Chatterjee no more

New Delhi, June 4 (Agencies)- Celebrated film-maker Basu Chatterjee, best known for directing classics such as Rajinigandha, Khatta Meetha, Chitchor, Chhoti Si Baat and Shaukeen, died at his residence in Mumbai today (June 4) due to age-related issues. He was 90.

Ashoke Pandit, President of The Indian Film and Television Directors' Association (IFTDA), told that Basu Chatterjee was suffering from age related ailments: "He passed away peacefully in his sleep in the morning. He wasn't keeping well for quite some time due to old age and died at his residence. It's a great loss to the film industry."

Basu Chatterjee's last rites were held at Santacruz Crematorium this afternoon, Ashoke Pandit said in a tweet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the late film-maker in a tweet: "Sad to hear of the demise of Shri Basu Chatterjee. His works are brilliant and sensitive. It touched people's hearts and represented the simple and complex emotions, as well as struggles of people. Condolences to his family and innumerable fans. Om Shanti."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee mourned the legendary film-maker in a tweet of condolence: "Saddened at the demise of legendary film director and screenwriter Basu Chatterjee. He gave us gems like Chhoti Si Baat, Chitchor, Rajanigandha, Byomkesh Bakshi, Rajni among others. Condolences to his family, friends, fans and the entire film fraternity." Mamata Banerjee had wished Basu Chatterjee on his birthday in January earlier this year.

During his illustrious career, Chatterjee won several awards including National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare in 1992 for his film 'Durga.'

COVID-stamped people banned

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Tax rebate sought: Narayanagowda said that the Association had submitted a memorandum to Mysuru Mayor seeking total exemption from Building Tax for the year 2020-21. "Hoteliers have suffered huge losses due to the shutdown and we have urged the MCC to offer 30 percent rebate on tax for the subsequent three years," he said.

Temples brace for reopening: Temples too are bracing for reopening from June 8. The Muzrai Department recently held first round of talks with priests and temple staff on the preparations to be made to conduct rituals, routine worship and other sevas. Chamundi Hill temple Executive Officer M.S. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran, who is also the Mysuru Muzrai Tahsildar, told *SOM* that priests have been explained about the regulations to be followed.

He said that square and circle box markings are drawn in and around the temples for social distancing during Darshans. All precautionary and safety measures are in place, he said and added that the entire Chamundeshwari Temple premises is being cleaned and sanitised.

Face masks is mandatory and thermal screening will be done at the entrance. Sampathkumaran said that Prasadam will be distributed only at designated counters with no-contact measures.

M.S. Geetha takes charge as DCP

Senior Police Officer M.S. Geetha took charge as the new Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) at the DCP Office in the City Police Commissioner's Office premises in Nazarbad here this morning.

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Any person(s) having any claim or rights over the schedule property or having any valid and tenable objections to the said agreement of my client with respect to the schedule property, may lodge his/their claims/rights or objections, if any with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if no valid objection or claims are received within the above period, my client shall proceed with the transaction and no claims / objections received thereafter will neither be entertained nor will it bind my client.

SCHEDULE

Residential property bearing No : 6/B, measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 45 feet, site totally measuring 2475 square feet and it is having a residential asbestos sheet building measuring 6.50 squares with all basic amenities. Property is situated at 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Vinayakanagara [Paduvaralli], Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru City.

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